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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT PEREZ'
REMARKS ON PRESIDENT FORD'S PROPOSAL FOR PUERTO RICAN
STATEHOOD WHICH WERE DELIVERED IN CAP'S JANUARY
ONE NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO THE NATION:

2. QUOTE A STORY BROUGHT BY INTERNATIONAL PRESS AGENCIES'
CABLES SURPRISES AND FILLS US WITH CONSTERNATION. THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. FORD, HAS ASKED
THE CONGRESS TO MAKE PUERTO RICO THE FIFTY-FIRST STATE
OF THE UNION. PUERTO RICO'S PEOPLE AND TERRITORY ARE
LATIN AMERICA. ITS RACE, ITS HISTORY, ITS LANGUAGE
ARE OURS. WE DO NOT PRETEND TO INTERFERE WITH THE
DECISIONS OF OTHER NATIONS. BUT A SENTIMENT OF
AFFECTION AND OF SOLIDARITY GIVES US THE RIGHT TO
EXPRESS OUR THOUGHTS. FOR THE REST, WE BELIEVE AND
DEFEND THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES. AND IT IS IN
THE LAST ANALYSIS, THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES
WHO SHOULD DECIDE. WE ARE RELIEVED BY THE FACT THAT
THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, MR. CARTER, THINKS THUSLY; AND WE
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ARE FILLED WITH SATISFACTION BY THE IMMEDIATE AND
DIGNIFIED REACTION OF DON LUIS MUNOZ MARIN. I BELIEVE
THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE TODAY OBLIGED TO SIGNIFY
OUR FRATERNAL PRESENCE TOGETHER WITH THE PUERTO RICAN
PEOPLE, THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE A RIGHT TO DECIDE THEIR
OWN DESTINY UNQUOTE.

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